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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hannu Juhani Leino et al.
Serial No.: 09/445,710 Art Unit: 1731
Filed: March 13, 2000
Title: A PROCESS FOR STABILIZING THE pH OF A PULP
SUSPENSION AND FOR PRODUCING PAPER FROM THE
STABILIZED PULP
Examiner: Steve Alvo
Docket No.: 32107

AMENDMENT "A"
(Filed in response to Paper No. 6)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office action dated December 18, 2000. The shortened statutory period for response to the Office action expired Sunday, March 18, 2001, allowing up to and including Monday, March 19, 2001, to reply to the Office action without payment of fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:

A' 8. (Amended) Process according to claim 1, characterized in that said pulp suspension contains calcium carbonate filler.

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